



# Newsletter

## Western Michigan Chapter

### March 2023

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**This months Meeting info:** Lunch Meeting Information: Dinner Meeting Information:

**Date:**

**March 9th**

**Location:**

**Park Club of Kalamazoo  
219 W. South Street  
Kalamazoo , MI 49007**

**Location:**

**Holiday Inn Grand Rapids  
3063 Lake Eastbrook Blvd  
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**Speaker:**

**Thad Kuzma & Joe  
Hancock  
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**Time:**

**12-1 PM Lunch**

**Time:**

**5:30 PM followed by dinner**

**Subject:**

**Legionella Filter  
Management**

**Cost:**

**\$30 per person**

**Cost:**

**\$35 per person**

### Important Information:

#### ASPE Golf Outing

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## **Chapter President—Tom Kingshott**

Yes, it's almost Spring (even though it's sleeting and freezing rain today)!

Nick has lined up a great speaker for this month on compressed air and vacuum systems.

Our very own Jonathan Burke and Ashley Smith are working hard on our annual golf outing; stay tuned for details.

As usual, please let any of your Board members know if you have any suggestions or questions.

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## **VP Membership—John Cassady**

We are currently at 83 members in the West Michigan chapter. Please join me in welcoming our newest members Rob Flegal, Paul Jansen, Calvin Hartley, Ben Reed, and Christian Uhlig.

All new members moving forward will receive a voucher for a free meeting, redeemable at checkout when registering for an event.

For those of you that have a membership expiring by the end of April, you should have received an email reminder from the national society already. I will send out follow-up reminders to you all as well.

If you have a coworker interested in joining our chapter, please have them reach out to me with questions about membership.



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Hello everyone,

Big thank you to Jim Doll and his team for presenting February's fire pump presentation. This month we will be taking a deep drive into aluminum compressed air systems presented by Adam Schmitz with Prevost. Aluminum is a material that isn't talked about a whole lot in our industry, our goal is after this presentation we will know more about its benefits and possible drawbacks. I look forward to seeing you all there!



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## VP Legislative —Luciana Kayo

This month we are continuing with the significant updates to the 2018 Michigan Plumbing Code, Chapter 7 – Sanitary Drainage:

- Section 701.2: Gray water systems are not required to be connected to a public sewer or a private sewage disposal system provided that they discharge to systems in accordance with Chapter 13 or 14.
- Section 701.8: The installation of drainage piping above food service areas is no longer prohibited.
- Section 702.3: Standards for polypropylene (PP) plastic pipe are added to Table 702.3 for code approved building sewer piping.
- Section 703.4: Included clarification regarding the use of existing building sewers and existing building drains for new building plumbing system.
- Section 704.1: This section now includes minimum slope requirement for piping conveying grease-laden waste. Piping must have a slope of not less than 1/4 inch per foot (2 percent).
- Section 704.2: Allowable reductions of pipe size are clarified and expanded.
- Section 705.16.4: A single joint between ABS plastic building drain piping and PVC plastic building sewer drain piping can be solvent cemented with special cement.
- Section 709.3: Conversion of gallon per minute drainage flow to DFU values has been clarified.
- Section 712.3.2: Gas-tight removable covers for sumps having ejectors and sewage pumps cannot be located more than 2 inches below grade or floor level.
- Section 712.4.2: Maximum solids diameter for waste pumps or ejector pumps that do not receive discharge from water closets has been reduced from 1-inch diameter to 1/2 inch diameter.
- Section 713: Sanitary drainage systems in health care facilities has been deleted in its entirety.
- Section 716: This section on replacement of building sewers by pipe-bursting methods has been added.

As always, let us know if you have any Code questions!

We hope to see you at the March ASPE meetings!



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If that's not enough, log in to ASPE, go to Education and Credentialing, and you will find that ASPE has been recording the classes you've attended if you registered at our monthly meetings. You can find your ASPE CEU's by going to your account, then education receipts, then transcript/achievements <https://education.aspe.org/my-dashboard/transcript>.

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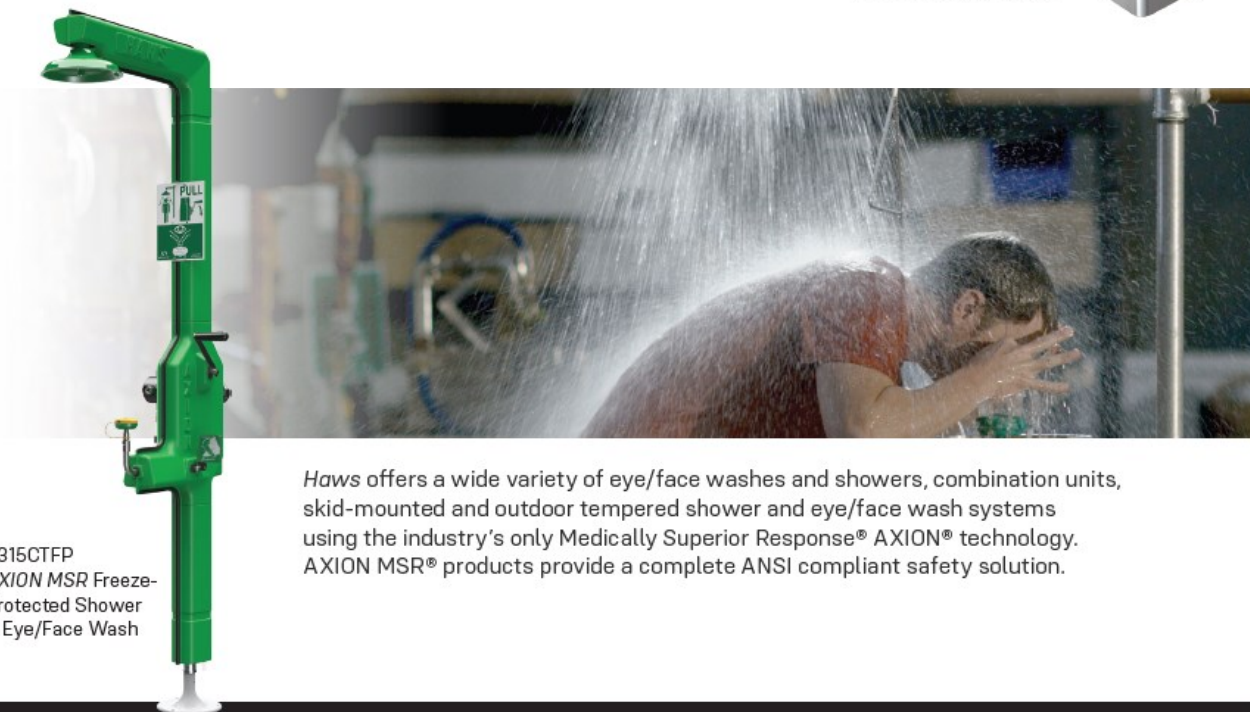
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September 8th  
Dave Stark  
Rainwater Management Solutions  
Rainwater Recovery

December 8th (Christmas Party)  
Nick Shelton & Bill Babcock  
Aquatic Source  
UV Filtration (ETS or Evoqua)

March 9th  
Thad Kuzma & Joe Hancock  
Flow-Tech Systems  
Legionella Filter Management

October 13th  
Dave Shugars  
R.L Deppmann  
Domestic Water Pressure Booster  
Selection

January 12th  
Warren Hill  
ECCO  
Gas Com Gas Regulator Sizing and  
Selection

April 13th  
Matt Lunn  
Lawler  
Thermostatic Mixing Valves

November 10th  
Dan Cole  
IAPMO  
Water Demand Calculator and System  
Right Sizing

February 9th  
James Doll  
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Fire Pump Selections and Best  
Practices

May 22nd  
ASPE Annual Golf Outing

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